

NOTICE TO STATE WATER PROJECT CONTRACTORS

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SUBJECT: Carryover Water Program

1998 to 1999

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The Department of Water Resources anticipates that the State's portion of San Luis Reservoir will be full sometime during the week of November 8, 1998. Approximately 35 percent of the stored water in San Luis is (1) long-term carryover water previously requested by some contractors under Article 56(c) of the Water Supply Contracts, and (2) undelivered 1998 entitlement water which may qualify for carryover under Article 12(e) of the contracts.

This is to notify contractors with stored long-term carryover water and projected Article 12(e) carryover water that the reservoir space available for such programs will soon be needed for storing 1999 State Water Project water. These contractors should take delivery of their 1998 water for use within their service areas or for programs outside their service areas which have been approved by the Department, or they risk losing their stored water. Upon the filling of the State's portion of San Luis Reservoir, available space for carryover water will be reduced at a daily rate equivalent to the Department's theoretical ability to store additional water.

In order to administer and document SWP operations, the Department requests that in the event that reservoir space is available, any contractor wishing to carry over 12(e) water from 1998 into 1999 provide a request to Donald R. Long, Chief of the Department's State Water Project Analysis Office, by FAX at (916) 653-9628 on or before November 10, 1998. When considering the carryover of 12(e) water, be reminded that a contractor cannot store undelivered 1998 entitlement water and also sell water to the 1999 Turn-back Pool Program.

The Interruptible Water Program is in place and will remain in place as long as water is available in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta that is not needed for SWP entitlement deliveries or SWP operational requirements, including reservoir storage goals. This situation is anticipated to be in effect from the present until several weeks into 1999.

If you have any questions about this Notice, please contact Donald Long at (916) 653-4313 or Tom Hanson at (916) 653-0190.